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### Publications

- Contributor to *Company Directors Duties, Liabilities and Remedies* (Ed. Mortimore OUP).
- She is also currently involved in the new edition of *Shareholders' Agreements* (Thomson Reuters).

*“Lexa is a phenomenal counsel. Not only is she highly intelligent, she is also commercial.”*

Chambers & Partners, 2020

*“She is an impressive silk.”*

The Legal 500, 2020

## Practice Overview

Lexa Hilliard QC is a popular and well-respected silk who is recommended by the legal directories as a leading silk for commercial dispute resolution, commercial chancery, company, insolvency and professional negligence. Her expertise also covers arbitration, banking and finance as well as fraud. She regularly advises in connection with off-shore disputes in the Channel Islands, the Caribbean and the Isle of Man.

Clients note that she is: *“keenly commercial, incredibly passionate and works seamlessly with the team”* and that she has: *“hugely impressive advocacy skills and strategic input.”* She regularly handles high value, legally complex cases in both the domestic and international market, acting both as advocate and expert. She has particular experience of cross-border litigation, often involving an insolvency or civil fraud angle. Her ability to be *“highly inventive and always think of new ways to approach a case”* allied to her: *“no-nonsense approach”* ensure her success with judges and tribunals as well as clients.

Recent directory quotes include:

*“She is exceptionally bright and there is nothing that she doesn't know just off the top of her head.”* Chambers & Partners 2020

*“Her approach is refreshingly considered and measured, and she is also very strategic and robust.”* Chambers & Partners 2020

*“She very hands-on and passionate about her clients' cases, and is a very reliable and user-friendly silk to work with.”* Chambers & Partners 2020

*“Her sheer depth of experience means she has seen and done virtually everything, either here or overseas.”* Legal 500 2020

*“She is very effective even when under extreme pressure.”* Legal 500 2020

*“Really distinguishes herself with her paperwork and seems to have a real knack for anticipating points that judges are going to raise.”* Chambers & Partners 2019

*“Very proactive and goes the extra yard to come up with suggestions that we haven't thought about. She offers incredible value and insight.”* Chambers & Partners 2019

*“She wins a case before you've set foot in the court room.”* Legal 500 2019

*“Incredibly impressive; very clear and concise and extremely quick to grasp the issues.”* Legal 500 2019



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Between 1990 and 2011, she practised from South Square. Prior to that she lectured in law at Durham University.

She regularly provides talks, podcasts and webinars and is on the Commercial Litigation Editorial Board of Lexis PSL.

## Professional Liability

Lexa advises on and litigates claims for negligence against professionals including directors, auditors, solicitors, insolvency practitioners (IPs) and investment advisers.

*"She stands out for her sheer depth of experience."* Legal 500 2020

*'Very able.'* Legal 500 2019

*"Excellent client skills, a pleasure to work with and is an extremely good advocate."*  
Chambers & Partners

Representative cases include:

- **Re a firm of solicitors** (2017) (confidential) acting in a claim against a firm of solicitors for loss caused by acting without authority.
- **Lime Petroleum Plc** (2016): acting on behalf of the directors of oil and gas joint venture company incorporated in the Isle of Man to defend negligence and breach of fiduciary duty claims against them.
- **Stanford Bank v Nigel Hamilton Smith, Peter Wastel & Anr** (2015): instructed on behalf of the firm of the former joint liquidators of Stanford Bank, Antigua, in connection with a negligence claim that has been issued against the firm in Antigua by Stanford Bank, acting by the current joint liquidators.
- **McCausland v Drenagh Farms Limited** (2014): instructed to appear in the High Court, Northern Ireland on behalf of the administrator of a large estate in Northern Ireland in connection with a claim that the administrator had negligently disposed of the estate at an undervalue and failed to rescue the company as a going concern.
- **P(UK) Realisations Limited** (2014 and ongoing): instructed on behalf of the liquidators of an English company in connection with allegations by a Chinese corporate creditor of negligence and misfeasance by the liquidators.
- **Perpetual PMLC v Marlborough & Others** (2013): instructed by Guernsey Advocates on behalf of professional directors in a negligence claim against them in Guernsey.
- **Freddy Kalatschi v. Shay Bannon & Michael Simons** (2012): instructed on behalf of the defendants in a claim for professional negligence and misfeasance against the former administrators (case settled).
- **X v. Deloitte LLP** (2011): instructed on behalf of an insolvent company in relation to negligence claim against former auditors (settled after mediation).